

prompt payment of wages and other dues to workers would be made in future.

Headquarters of U.N. Committee of Human Environment

1735. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have proposed to the United Nations to set up the headquarters of the Central Organisation of the United Nations on Human Environment in India ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the United Nations in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The Government of India have put forward their request for the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to be located in New Delhi.

(b) Requests from other countries are still coming in and the United Nations has not yet made its reactions known.

Visit of Study Team to Bangladesh for Development of Steel Industry

1736. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sent a Study Team to Bangladesh to study the possibility of developing steel industry there ; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, a Hindustan Steel Limited team visited Bangladesh to arrange the supply of iron and steel materials urgently required by the Government of Bangladesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation from Federation of Indian Mineral Industries Re: Increase in Royalty Rates, Freight Rates and Port Charges

1737. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries requesting against any future increase in the royalty rates, railway freight and the port charges ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) whether there have been difficulties in the movement of minerals resulting in dislocation in the supply of raw materials to the consumer industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of a Mini Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu

1739. SHRI B K DASCHOWDHURY : SHRI M. M. JOSEPH

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a mini steel plant has been decided to be set up in Tamil Nadu in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up and start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Apart from the Continuous Casting Plant already set up by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation at Arkonam with an initial capacity of 50,000 tonnes of Steel Billets per annum, which started functioning in April 1972, there is no proposal at present under